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(Attention: WILLIAM D. BREDEWEG)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (62-2971) (P)

SUBJECT: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
(CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185)
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ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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AT 62- 2971

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, copies to all offices, 2/17/77; Bureau airtel to Atlanta, Detroit, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Newark, New York, Sacramento, Savannah, and WFO, 4/12/77.; and Bureau telephone call to Atlanta, 5/9/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an inventory list which sets forth the identity of Atlanta communications that the Atlanta Office is forwarding to FBIHQ as an enclosure to this airtel in connection with captioned matter.

In addition, two copies of this inventory list itself are being enclosed for recipient offices.

Referenced Bureau airtel of 2/17/77, advised of the dismissal of both civil actions in captioned matter, but per a court order, the Bureau requested each office to transmit to FBIHQ all known copies of tape recordings, transcripts and logs resulting from the FBI's microphonic and telephonic surveillances between 1963 and 1968 of the plaintiff organization's former president; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., his home, places of public accomodation occupied by him and of the plaintiff organization's offices in Atlanta, Georgia, and New York City, New York. FBIHQ subsequently advised that only the tapes, transcripts and logs should be sent to FBIHQ and not communications that included paraphrases of these elsur.

Atlanta had an electronic surveillance (elsur) on the residence of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, and the Atlanta SCLC Office from approximately 1963-1966.

Atlanta had no known tapes or transcripts of any of these elsur, but Atlanta did have logs which contained information from these elsur and these logs were sent to FBIHQ by Atlanta on 3/14/77 for inclusion in the National Archives.

Referenced Buairtel of 4/12/77, then instructed recipients that the Department had advised that to comply with the court order in this matter it would now be necessary to locate paraphrases of this elsur information that was included in communications.

AT 62-2971

As a result, FBIHQ and recipient offices are requested to review the enclosed inventory list and then locate and retrieve the copies of Atlanta communications designated for FBIHQ and each office. All copies are to be retrieved and sent to FBIHQ, Attention: Mr. WILLIAM D. BREDEWEG, and in addition, send two copies of an inventory list of these retrieved Atlanta communications to FBIHQ.

INVENTORY LIST

Re: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

There is set forth below an inventory of the Atlanta communications that are being forwarded to FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) by Atlanta in connection with captioned matter for inclusion in the National Archives. These communications contained paraphrased electronic surveillance (elsur) information obtained through the Atlanta elsur on the residence of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, and/or the Atlanta SCLC Office during the 1960's.

These communications were taken from Atlanta file 157-698, Volume 1, and where these communications showed dissemination to Atlanta files, all these copies have been retrieved and are attached as enclosures to the serial listed below, which is being sent to FBIHQ:

- 1) Serial 14 of Atlanta file 157-698, which is Atlanta memo of SA ROBERT R. NICHOLS, 8/18/64, captioned, "CIRM", copies designated for Atlanta only.

(Item 1 previously retrieved by Atlanta; however this copy not located initially)

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4/18/77

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SAC, ATLANTA [REDACTED]

12/14/64

SA ALDEN F. MILLER

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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PSI

On 12/22/64, [REDACTED] PSI, advised that he did not think REGGIE ROBINSON was now working with SNCC. The last he knew of ROBINSON he was working with GLORIA RICHARDSON at Cambridge, Maryland. This was during the spring or early summer of 1964.

[REDACTED] advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL of SCLC staff attended the annual meeting of USNSA held at the University of Minnesota. BLACKWELL appeared on the program on 8/5-6-7/64 at which time he spoke on "Southern Politics". His speech was such that he could not advance to many new ideas or opinions but reported more in a historical sense and what has been the situation.

[REDACTED] further advised that he had had little contact with the National Sharecroppers Fund, which organization has recently opened offices in the Atlanta area and is working with the Ga. Council on Human Relations. Their office is located in space of the Ga. Council at 5 Forsyth St. [REDACTED] stated he has received literature regarding the sharecroppers whose main office is located at 112 East 19th St., N. Y. 10003. FAYE BENNETT is described as the Executive Secretary and while she resides in the New York area has visited in Atlanta on business. JAC WASSERMAN is the program director and spends more time in Atlanta, Ga., than FAYE BENNETT.

5 - Atlanta [REDACTED]

(1- 100-648) (Randolph Blackwell)
(1- 100-6594) (W. E. B. DuBois Club)
(1- 100-Dead) (Reggie Robinson)
(1- 100-648) (SNCC)

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FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
① - 157-698 (RANDOLPH BLACKWELL)
1 - 100-6684 (JAMES ALLEN HARRISON)
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① - 157-698 (RANDOLPH BLACKWELL)
1 - 157-644 (HARRY BOYTE)
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"Randolph Blackwell is the operations Director of S.C.L.C. and a member of the Executive Board. He is very influential and is the man in charge of the office. He came here from Alabama. He is well educated and dynamic. He has stated that while he was in Alabama he travelled to New York City once or twice per month to 'have fun and a good time.' He said this kept him broke. He is Religious to a degree in that he will support ministers & churches only when they deserve support. He is very close to a Caucasian employee on the Staff of SCLC Harry Boyd. Boyd has an important job with SCLC. He is out of the office most of the time. Boyd & Blackwell were in conference during the National Convention of SCLC in Savannah. They were in conference twice in Blackwells Room and had dinner together one evening. Blackwell in private conversation sometimes uses terms associated with Marxism such as proletariat, capitalist, etc. He is a very smooth talker, has a good command of the language. He is very intelligent. Blackwell was in New York City on 10/12 or 10/13/64. It is not known what Blackwell was doing in New York City."

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"S.C.L.C. has 60 employees on the payroll now according to Francis Covington, the accountant. The organization is currently undergoing the annual audit by the CPA firm of J. Blayton. Francis Covington is a very talented accountant. He is now quite perturbed at Vivian Garrison, who works on accounts receivable because she has done such a poor job. He has reportedly approached Jim Harrison to take her job.

"Dr. King has proposed according to rumors from staff members that SCLC go national such as the NAACP and open branch offices all over the USA.

"Covington has mentioned a person who had worked for SCLC in the past and had apparently converted funds to his own use. He is no longer with the organization. This person was not fully identified.

"A female at S.C.L.C. Headquarters, who is unmarried is now pregnant. Some have proposed letting her go. Jim Harrison was among these people, including Lillian Hunter, who advocated keeping her on the payroll is the Christian thing to do. This female's name is [REDACTED]. Miss Hunter has indicated [REDACTED] will be kept on the payroll.

"Dr. King trusts only Ralph Abernathy of the members of his executive staff. This has been emphasized by a number of people at SCLC headquarters including Randolph Hechwell."

FOIA(b) (6)
FOIA(b) (7) - (C).

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

10/14/64

SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

CIRM

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, dated 9/16/64,
captioned, "CIRM; COMINFIL SCLC, IS-C".

On 9/30/64, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] Security
Supervisor, New York Telephone Company, furnished information
that telephone number YU 2-4616 is subscribed to by
RICHARD A. BIDDER, 33 Washington Square West, New York
City.

Indices of the NYO contain no information
concerning RICHARD A. BIDDER. There was no information
identifiable with AL PEINBERG, who was in contact with
RANDOLPH BLACKWELL on 9/11/64.

- 3 - Bureau (100-442529) (RM)
- (1 - 100-435794) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 3 - Atlanta (100-6670) (Info) (RM)
- (1 - 100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- (1 - 157-698) (RANDOLPH BLACKWELL)
- 1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
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SAC (100-5718)

10-15-64

SA DONALD P. BURGESS

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RM

The purpose of this memo is to record oral general information received from informant.

On 10-2-64, [] advised that JIM HARRISON had been spending a lot of his spare time working on the books of the SCLC. Informant stated that HARRISON has become very friendly with RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, who according to the informant, is very influential in the SCLC. HARRISON has completely ingratiated himself in the SCLC and is considered a staff member at present. HARRISON is attending Atlanta University and apparently spends all his spare time trying to straighten out the books of the SCLC which, according to the informant, are in bad shape and very much in arrears. Informant stated that HARRISON has met and been in the home of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and apparently meets with the approval of KING. Informant stated that HARRISON was also scheduled to attend a National Convention of the SCLC in Savannah, Ga., during the weekend of October 3-4, 1964.

ACTION

File for information purposes. Channelize to indicated files.

- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
- 1 - 100-6670 (Communist Influence of Racial Matters)
- ① - 157-698 (Randolph T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 100-5586 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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1 - 100-New (Jim Harrison)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - **100-379394**)DATE: **9-30-64**FROM : SAC **Birmingham (100-4532)**SUBJECT: **RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL**
SM - C

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The **Atlanta** Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The **Atlanta** Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address

1275 Capitol Avenue, Southwest**Atlanta, Georgia**

Business address

Southern Regional Council**Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia**

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☐ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ This subject is tabbed for Detcom.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☐ Security Index Cards
- ☒ Serials (specify) **(See page 2)**
- ☐ Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
- ☐ Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
- ☒ None available.
- ☐ Previously furnished.

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Following serials are enclosed for Atlanta:

- (1) Report of SA MELVIN MCRAE JETT, Charlotte,
1-27-51
- (2) Report of SA FREDERICK H. FREUND, JR.,
12-3-51, Washington Field Office
- (3) Report of SA JAMES T. WAGNER, 2-2-55,
Charlotte
- (4) Report of SA WILLIAM G. SHAW, 6-23-55,
Washington Field Office

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/3,12,27;6/3,6	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM G. SHAW hb
TITLE RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL, wa.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject presently faculty member and resident at Alabama A & M College, Normal, Alabama. Local CP informant identified subject as having been member of CP-DC, and in 1954, subject was allegedly anxious to become member of new CP Unit being formed in North Carolina. From 1950-53, subject was reportedly active in the affairs of the PP-DC. As of June, 1953, subject's name appeared in membership list of National Lawyers Guild, and during 1950-52, subject reportedly was affiliated with organizations dominated, infiltrated and/or controlled by the CP. He has allegedly associated with individuals affiliated with the CP or its various front organizations. During 1952-53, subject was connected with Presentation, Inc., a cooperative art organization which employed several individuals who at one time or another during this employment were in some manner connected with the CP.

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WFO 100-23335

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

RALPH H. LEE, Registrar, Alabama A & M College, Normal, Alabama, advised on March 17, 1955, that RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL was employed at the beginning of the September, 1954, school term as a teacher in the Social Science Department of that college and is currently employed in that capacity.

Mr. LEE informed that BLACKWELL has resided in the Men's Dormitory on campus of Alabama A & M College since being employed at that college.

CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

On February 26, 1953, Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified RANDOLPH BLACKWELL as having been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia. According to T-1, BLACKWELL might still be a Communist Party member; however, T-1 does not know this to be a fact.

On January 11, 1954, Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that NAT BOND, who was known to informant as a leader of the Communist Party in Durham, North Carolina, had been in contact with RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL and had advised T-2 that BLACKWELL had recently returned to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, from Washington, D. C. T-2 learned from BOND that BLACKWELL was a law student who was not permitted to take the North Carolina Bar examination and was anxious to form some sort of study group in the Winston-Salem Teacher's College. T-2 mentioned that BOND had indicated that this would be a Marxist Study Group to be formed for the purpose of studying Marxism, and to also promulgate the efforts of the Communist Party.

On April 23, 1954, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that in early April, 1954, NAT BOND, previously mentioned, had stated that RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL was anxious to become a member of the new Communist Party unit which BOND was attempting to formulate in North Carolina.

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CONNECTION WITH ORGANIZATIONS REPORTED TO BE
DOMINATED, CONTROLLED AND/OR INFILTRATED BY
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR ITS VARIOUS FRONT GROUPS

Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PP-DC)

The National Committee, Communist Party, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolutions Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs", issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948, the Communist Party helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 election. The text concludes with the statement, "the Progressive Party, the Communist Party and other progressive forces must unite in a broad, mass front coalition."

"Political Affairs" has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as the official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ.

On November 14, 1952, Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the present leaders of the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia as either Communists or Communist sympathizers and that this organization has never, to this informant's knowledge, opposed any Communist Party issue or program. T-3 stated that on occasions resolutions have been adopted by the PP-DC which have been introduced by various individuals at the direction of the Communist Party.

On October 22, 1952, Confidential Informant T-4, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that the name and address of RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, 2300 First Street, N. W., was contained in a list of names captioned "1952 Mailing List Northwest Club" which was then maintained by BARBARA BIRD BRUCE, Treasurer, Northwest Club of the PP-DC, in her apartment at 521 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. T-4 observed that the aforementioned list was maintained in a manila folder which was marked on the outside in pencil "PP-DC".

On February 7, 1950, Confidential Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information concerning the City Convention of the PP-DC held February 4, 1950, at Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. T-5 reported that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, who was present at this convention, was among those nominated for positions with the District Committee of the PP-DC.

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On May 12, 1952, Confidential Informant T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was present at a movie sponsored by the PP-DC entitled "Peace and War" held at the Odd-Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N. W., on the evening of April 29, 1952. According to T-6, this film was a documentary of the Second World Congress held at Sheffield, England and Warsaw, Poland.

On February 29, 1952, Confidential Informant T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a meeting of the Northwest Club of the PP-DC held at 1712 16th Streets, N. W., (Apt. #206), Washington, D. C., RANDOLPH BLACKWELL spoke on Negro History Week and the main part of his talk was in effect that more progress was made by the Negro people as a whole between the years 1885 and 1900 than during the period since 1900. It was the opinion of T-7, that given more time and experience, BLACKWELL will become a splendid speaker.

On June 11, 1952, T-7 advised that at a meeting of the PP-DC Convention held at Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W., on June 8, 1952, RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was among the twenty delegates elected to the national convention of the PP.

On June 25, 1952, T-7 advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was present at a fund raising party sponsored by the PP-DC, which was held on June 20, 1952, at the Cafeteria Union Worker's Hall, 1015 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

On October 21, 1952, T-7 advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was present at a mass meeting of the PP-DC held at Odd-Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., on October 16, 1952, which featured a speech by CHARLOTTA BASS, Vice-Presidential Candidate of the PP.

On March 5, 1953, T-7 advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was present at a meeting of the Northwest Club of the PP-DC held at 4863 Potomac Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., on February 28, 1953.

On April 30, 1953, T-7 informed that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was present at a meeting of the Northwest Club of the PP-DC held at 1712 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. on April 29, 1953. T-7 advised that BLACKWELL gave a speech at this meeting concerning racial discrimination in the District of Columbia, and the informant described BLACKWELL as being a very effective speaker.

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On June 8, 1952, Confidential Informant T-1, previously described, furnished information concerning the Convention of the PP-DC held that date at Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. T-1 mentioned that at this meeting RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was one of twenty persons elected as delegates to the forthcoming national convention of the PP.

On June 24, 1952, T-1 advised that on June 20, 1952, informant had been requested by the PP-DC to contact five individuals, one of whom was RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, for donations to the national campaign of the PP-DC. According to T-1, these individuals were to be requested to pledge a certain amount each month until after the election.

On October 10, 1952, T-1 reported that CHARLOTTA BASS, Vice-Presidential candidate of the PP, was scheduled to make an appearance at a PP-DC meeting to be held on October 16, 1952, and that in connection with this matter, RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was among fifteen ushers selected to take up the collection at this meeting.

On October 17, 1952, T-1 advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was present at a meeting of the PP-DC held on October 16, 1952, at Odd-Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N. W., where CHARLOTTA BASS, the Vice-Presidential candidate on the PP ticket, was the featured speaker.

On May 6, 1953, Confidential Informant T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, informed that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was present at a meeting of the Northwest Club of the PP-DC held on April 29, 1953, at 1712 16th Street, N. W. According to T-8, BLACKWELL made an extremely long and repetitious speech dealing with segregation, the lack of integration at playgrounds, and the need for more dramatics in "our" work against race prejudice. T-8 described BLACKWELL as being one of several individuals present at the above referred to meeting who were most active in the Northwest Club of the PP-DC and who more or less control the Club.

On November 6, 1953, T-8 reported that the name of RANDOLPH BLACKWELL has been removed from the active membership list of the Northwest Club of the PP-DC. T-8 was unable to offer any explanation for this action.

National Lawyers Guild

The House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report of March 29, 1944, (p.149), cited the National Lawyers Guild as a Communist front, which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which, "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof including known espionage agents."

On June 30, 1953, Confidential Informant T-9, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, reported that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, 3300 18th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., was among those individuals carried as members of the National Lawyers Guild as of that date.

On December 23, 1952, Confidential Informant T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that it was reported at a meeting of the Executive Board of the National Lawyers Guild, Student Division, held on December 6 and 7, 1952, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, that RANDY BLACKWELL and CHESTER MC CULLOCH, National Lawyers Guild members at Howard University Law School, Washington, D. C., had furnished information by letter concerning the lack of Guild activity at Howard University and indicated that efforts would be made to organize activities before the end of the current semester.

Sojourners For Truth and Justice

In September, 1951, Confidential Informant T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Sojourners for Truth and Justice is a Communist inspired organization and that the Communist Party plans to make a political issue of it, using it to infiltrate negro organizations and communities.

In April, 1952, Confidential Informant T-12, another Government agency, furnished information to the effect that DOROTHY FAULKNER, Youth Director of the Sojourners for Truth and Justice, had visited Washington, D. C. in the early part of April, 1952, for the purpose of making preparations for a Negro Youth Mobilization to be held in Washington, D. C., on April 18 and 19, 1952. According to T-12, FAULKNER planned to utilize RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, among others, in the preparation of this mobilization.

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Washington Trade Union Council

HENRY THOMAS, who has publicly admitted former membership in the Communist Party of the District of Columbia, advised in early 1951, that the Washington Trade Union Council was formed early in 1950, as a result of efforts on the part of the Communist Party and consisted of members of the trade unions in Washington, D. C. Mr. THOMAS advised that the Council was controlled by the Communist Party from its inception and that during its existence the Communist Party continued to exercise complete control.

In late December, 1950, Confidential Informant T-3, previously described, reported that the Washington Trade Union Council was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party.

On December 21, 1950, Confidential Informant T-13, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available a press release of the Washington Trade Union Council, 1015 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. which reflects that a local conference of the Washington Trade Union Council was held on December 10, 1950, at the United Cafeteria and Restaurant Workers Union Hall, 1015 M Street, N. W. According to this press release, the conference featured a panel on "Civil Rights" which was chaired by RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, who was described as a Howard University law student, and one of the leaders of the anti-jim-crow restaurant survey.

ASSOCIATION WITH INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR ITS VARIOUS FRONT GROUPS
MARY WATKINS PRICE

On September 3, 1953, Confidential Informant T-14, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that at approximately 9:45 A.M., on that date, informant observed MARY WATKINS PRICE deposit an object in a public trash receptacle located at the corner of Mintwood Place and Columbia Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., which was about one block from her residence. T-14 retrieved from this trash receptacle what appears to have been three address books of MARY WATKINS PRICE and noted therein an entry as follows: "RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, 1116 Col. Rd, Col. 2584."

It is noted that RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL in an appearance before the 4th Region Loyalty Hearing Board,

Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. On June 24, 1952, which Board was then considering the case of his brother, EDGAR LEON BLACKWELL, under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, testified that he had come to Washington, D. C., in the fall of 1949 from Greensboro, North Carolina, residing first at 1116 Columbia Road, Northwest, and later at 2300 First Street, N. W. BLACKWELL testified that in 1948, he had run as an unsuccessful candidate for the North Carolina State House of Representatives on the Progressive Party ticket.

EDGAR LEON BLACKWELL during the same hearing, testified that his brother, RANDOLPH, had met MARY PRICE through the activities of the Progressive Party in North Carolina and had worked with her in the affairs of that Party in Greensboro, N. C., in 1940.

It is noted that according to an article appearing in the February 10, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, MARY PRICE was State Chairman of the Progressive Party of North Carolina and candidate for Governor of that State on the Progressive Party ticket in 1948.

RALPH VERNON LONG, a former Communist Party leader in Durham, North Carolina, from 1946 to 1949, advised that the Progressive Party in North Carolina during 1948 was an organization which was dominated and controlled from its inception by members of the Communist Party.

Concerning MARY WATKINS PRICE, it is noted that ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, an admitted former Soviet Espionage Courier operating in Washington, D. C., and New York, N. Y., during the latter 1930's and early 1940's, has advised that her superior in the Soviet Espionage Network in which she was involved, JACOB J. GOLOS, had described MARY WATKINS PRICE as a "Communist of many years standing." Miss BENTLEY furnished a signed statement on November 30, 1945, in which she stated that in 1941, the above mentioned JACOB J. GOLOS indicated his interest in an article being written by WALTER LIPPMAN, the internationally known Washington Columnist of the "New York Herald Tribune" and that MARY WATKINS PRICE, who was LIPPMAN's Secretary, agreed to furnish GOLOS with all the information she could obtain concerning the type of material LIPPMAN was writing and other information concerning LIPPMAN's activities.

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JOHN RUDDER

On February 2, 1955, Confidential Informant T-15, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that while attending Howard University, Washington, D. C., RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had resided at 2300 First Street, N. W., with JOHN RUDDER and CHESTER MC CULLOUGH and was a close associate of these two individuals.

On February 16, 1953, Confidential Informant T-1, previously described, identified JOHN RUDDER as a current member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia as of that date.

Information concerning CHESTER MC CULLOUGH will be set forth hereinafter.

CHESTER V. MC CULLOUGH

RALPH H. LEE, Registrar, Alabama A & M College, Normal, Alabama, on March 17, 1955, made available an application for employment with this college which was executed by RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL on August 20, 1954. A review of this application reflects that CHESTER V. MC CULLOUGH, Post Office Box 82, Powderly, Alabama, was among five individuals listed as references by BLACKWELL.

CHESTER VALLEES MC CULLOUGH in executing standard form #86 on November 11, 1954, in connection with his employment as a Library Assistant, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., indicated membership in the Lawyers Guild (Student Division), Howard University, Washington, D. C., from 1950 to 1952.

On June 30, 1953, Confidential Informant T-9, previously mentioned, identified CHESTER H. MC CULLOUGH, 3300 18th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., as a member of the National Lawyers Guild as of that date.

It is noted that MC CULLOUGH on the above referred standard form #86 indicated that he had resided at 3300 18th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., from October 1951 to October 1953. He also indicated he was born June 16, 1923, at Birmingham, Alabama; had formerly resided in Birmingham, Alabama, from 1937 to 1942 and also from 1946 to 1949, and had attended Howard University from 1949 to 1953.

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It will be recalled that Confidential Informant T-10, previously described, mentioned that in December 1952, RANDY BLACKWELL and CHESTER MC CULLOUGH, National Lawyers Guild members at Howard University Law School had commented on the lack of Guild activities at Howard University.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild has been previously set forth in this report.

On February 10, 1955, Confidential Informant T-1, previously described, reported that CHESTER V. MC CULLOUGH, 3300 18th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., was registered as a member of the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia as of 1954.

On November 27, 1953, and again on January 31, 1955, T-1 identified the present leaders of the PP-DC as either Communist Party members or Communist Party sympathizers and stated that this organization has never, to the knowledge of the informant opposed the Communist Party on any issue or program.

On April 21, 1951, Confidential Informant T-6, previously mentioned, reported that CHESTER MC CULLOUGH had attended a meeting of the Committee to Save Willie McGee which was held at MC CULLOUGH'S residence, 2300 First Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on April 17, 1951. T-6 mentioned that in addition to the above, MC CULLOUGH attended and took part in several other activities concerning the WILLIE MC GEE case, and had also attended meetings of the Martinsville Seven Memorial Committee in 1951.

It is noted that WILLIE MC GEE was convicted and later executed on May 8, 1951, for the rape of a Mississippi woman.

On April 16, 1951, Confidential Informant T-3, previously described, advised that the Civil Rights Congress had published a pamphlet which indicated that the Civil Rights Congress was rendering support to the defense of WILLIE MC GEE.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

It is noted that the Martinsville Seven were seven Negroes who were executed in Virginia on a rape charge. The case attracted considerable publicity and controversy based on the allegations that the convictions and subsequent executions were the result of race prejudice. T-6 stated that the Martinsville Seven Memorial Committee had as its chairman, GLORIA HOLLIS, who T-6 has identified as being a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

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The "Pittsburgh Courier," a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, newspaper, issue of September 20, 1952, carried an article, "Ace Murphy Picket Line Marchers are Commended," which stated that "at the victory celebration of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the D. C. Anti-Discrimination Laws last week the following pickets were singled out for special commendation: RANDOLPH BLACKWELL and CHESTER V. MC CULLOUGH (among others). All were praised for their work during the picketing of the G. C. Murphy Five and Ten Cent Store, F and G Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

On January 11, 1954, Confidential Informant T-1, previously described, advised that in the informant's opinion the Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the D. C. Anti-Discrimination Laws is infiltrated by the Communist Party, but is not actually controlled and dominated by the Communist Party. According to T-1, any Communist Party suggestions which have been sent to the Coordinating Committee through the PP-DC have not been turned down by the Coordinating Committee to T-1's knowledge.

MISCELLANEOUS

Presentation Incorporated

On October 16, 1953, Confidential Informant T-16, another Government agency, reported that Presentation, Incorporated, is a cooperative art organization located at 2118 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., consisting of a managerial staff of highly competent contact and promotional personnel and numerous free-lance artists. A number of persons who have at one time or another been employed or associated with Presentation, Inc., have been identified as Communists or have been suspected of Communist affiliations or sympathies. Outstanding among those is Doctor CARL ALDO MARZANI who was convicted of perjury in 1947, for concealing his Communist affiliations and activities during a Government loyalty investigation, while he was employed

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in the United States Department of State. MARZANI was one of the original members of the Board of Directors of Presentation, Inc. According to T-16, Presentation, Inc., cannot bid for classified Government contracts as they have refused to submit to security investigations of their personnel.

On August 29, 1952, Confidential Informant T-17, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was the payee of checks of Presentation, Inc., between July 24, 1952, and August 25, 1952.

The above information furnished by T-17 was obtained on a strictly confidential basis and is not to be made public except following the issuance of subpoena duces tecum.

On October 14, 1953, Mr. PAUL E. SCHWEDIER, of the Purchases and Stores Section, Federal Supply Services, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C., produced records which contain a list of the employees of Presentation, Inc., as of September, 1952. Included on this list was RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, listed as a temporary janitor.

On May 20, 1953, Confidential Informant T-18, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available literature pertaining to the PP-DC, which informant learned was printed by RANDOLPH BLACKWELL who operates the Prescription Press which is located in the Presentation, Inc., Building at 2118 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. T-18 ascertained that BLACKWELL had been engaged to do all the Progressive Party work free of charge except for paper stock used in return for space in the building. T-18 learned that BLACKWELL was a young negro who had recently graduated from college and supposedly had a multigraph machine and a small offset printer. It was brought to T-18's attention that BLACKWELL, in approximately April, 1953, had endeavored to obtain some offset plates for his press from a local Washington, D. C., printing house; however, he was not furnished the plates because this printing house refused to do "pro-Communist" work.

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One copy of this report is being furnished the Charlotte Division for their information inasmuch as the subject formerly resided in that area and, as set forth in the details, was anxious to become a member of a new Communist Party unit to be established in North Carolina in 1954.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1: [REDACTED]	PP-DC Convention held 6/8/52	6/8/52	CARL N. DE TEMPLE	[REDACTED]
	Contact with BLACKWELL re funds for PP-DC	6/24/52	CARL N. DE TEMPLE	
	PP-DC meeting to be held 10/16/52	10/10/52	WINFRED H. ANDERS	
	PP-DC meeting held 10/16/52	10/17/52	"	
	BLACKWELL known as having been member of CP-DC	2/26/53	THOMAS C. RIES	
	JOHN RUDDER known as current member CP-DC as of 1953	2/26/53	"	
	Characterization of PP-DC and Coordinating Committee for Enforcement of D. C. Anti-Discrimination Laws.			
	CHESTER MC CULLOUGH a member of PP-DC during 1954	2/10/55	THOMAS C. RIES	100-20866-1B6 (1)
T-2: [REDACTED]	CP connection of RANDOLPH BLACKWELL	1/11/54	RUFUS H. POWELL	[REDACTED]
	CP connection of RANDOLPH BLACKWELL	4/23/54	"	

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T-3: [redacted]	Characterization of PP-DC	11/14/52	CARL N. DE TEMPLE	100-20866-681
	Characterization of Washington Trade Union Council	12/22/50	THOMAS C. RAINE	100-22332-32
T-4: Anonymous				
T-5: [redacted]	City Convention of PP-DC	2/7/50	THOMAS J. BARRY	[redacted]
T-6: [redacted]	Movie sponsored by PP-DC held 4/29/52	5/12/52	WILLIAM P. SPRINGSTON	[redacted]
	Characterization of CHESTER MC CULLOUGH and Martinsville Seven Memorial Committee			
T-7: [redacted]	PP-DC meeting of N.W. Club held 2/27/52	2/29/52	EDWARD P. BROWN	[redacted]
	PP-DC Convention held 6/8/52	6/11/52	EDWARD P. BROWN	
	PP-DC Fund Raising Party held 6/20/52	6/25/52	"	
	PP-DC Mass Meeting held 10/16/52	10/21/52	WINFRED H. ANDERS	
	PP-DC meeting of N. W. Club held on 2/28/53	3/5/53	TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR.	
	PP-DC meeting of N.W. Club held on 4/29/53	4/30/53	"	

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T-8: FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	PP-DC meeting of N.W. Club held on 4/29/53	5/6/53	TOLLEF JACOBSON & SEYMOR F. PHILLIPS	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
	BLACKWELL no longer active member of N. W. Club of PP-DC	11/6/53	TOLLEF JACOBSON & SEYMOR F. PHILLIPS	
T-9: FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Membership List of National Lawyers Guild	6/30/53	DONALD F. STOUT & JAMES F. MITCHELL	100-1522-912
Appeal Printing Company, 130 Cedar St., New York, N. Y. (By request)				
T-10: FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Meeting of Executive Board of National Lawyers Guild held on 12/6,7/52	12/23/52	W. DALE COFFER	100-23335-39
T-11: FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Used to characterize Sojourners for Truth and Justice			
T-12: Special Investiga- tive Squad, Metropol- itan Police Dept. Washington, D.C.	BLACKWELL to assist in preparation for mobilization of the Sojourners for Truth and Justice	4/6/52	J. LEWIS KELLY	100-24726-126

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T-13: Press release of the Trash Cover Washington Trade on resi- Union Council dence of T. A. WILLIS-TON, 1204 Q Street, N.W.	12/21/50	HERBERT S. HAWKINS	100-22332-22	
T-14: Address book of Fisur of MARY WATKINS PRICE MARY WATKINS PRICE	9/3/53	WILLIAM H. ATKINSON & ALBERT H. SOLOMON	100-20523-SubA-22	
T-15: BLACKWELL'S associa- with JOHN RUDDER and CHESTER MC CULLOUGH, 3924 S. Harvard Street, Los Angeles, Calif. (By request)	2/2/55	JAMES F. BRENT	140-5455-12	
T-16: Characterization G-2, of Presentation, Office of Inc. Assistant Chief of Staff, Dept. of Army, Washington, D.C.	10/16/53	(Mailed to WFO)	100-17952-86	
T-17: Information re BLACKWELL receiving checks from Presenta- tion, Inc. Hamilton National Bank, 14th & F Streets, N.W., Washing- ton, D. C. (By request)	8/29/52	J. BERNARD COOK	100-17952-70	

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T-18: [REDACTED]	Information re BLACK- WELL printing employment	8/20/53	ANGELO M. ROBBE	100-23335-44

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Co., 930 F
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Washington, D.C.
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REFERENCE

Report of SA GLENN H. HEARN dated 3/31/55 at Birmingham, Alabama; Form FD 128 submitted by WFO on 4/13/55.

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REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE	DATE WHEN MADE 2-2-55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-12-55	REPORT MADE BY JAMES T. MAGNER
TITLE RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject formerly employed Winston Salem, N.C. Teachers College. Presently teaching history and economics at Alabama A and M College, Normal, Ala. Subject has been in contact with HAT BOND, CP leader, Durham, N.C., and allegedly supposed to set up printing press for distributing CP literature. Also allegedly anxious to affiliate with CP group which was in process of being formed by BOND.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. EMPLOYMENT

RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL was employed as a teacher at Winston Salem, North Carolina Teachers College as of April 28, 1954, according to Miss ADA WOODS of the Winston Salem Retail Merchants Association.

Confidential Informant T-1, another government agency which maintains records, reported on September 23, 1954, that subject was teaching at Alabama A and M College, Normal, Alabama.

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Dean R. A. CARTER, Alabama A and M College, Normal, Alabama, advised on September 7, 1954, that subject was employed as a history and economics teacher at that school.

B. RESIDENCE

Subject resided at 830 Stadium Drive, Winston Salem, North Carolina, as of April 28, 1954, according to Miss ADA WOODS of the Winston Salem Retail Merchants Association.

II. ACTIVITIES INDICATING COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION

The Communist Party is an organization cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DANIEL WEBSTER PRICE in a signed statement January 29, 1953, advised that during the 1948 Progressive Party campaign in North Carolina, subject was active in that movement and was a candidate for a State office on the Progressive Party ticket.

WILLIAM WRIGHT STAFFORD, former Secretary of the Progressive Party of Georgia, stored his household goods with Weathers Brothers Transfer Company in Atlanta, Georgia, and failed to pay the storage charges with the result that the household goods were sold for costs on April 6, 1953. On July 31, 1953, WILLIAM WEATHERS, President of Weathers Brothers Storage, made available material from the household effects of STAFFORD wherein there appeared notations that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had spoken at the first conference of the Progressive Party in North Carolina, which was held in Winston Salem on April 24, 1948. The Progressive Party in North Carolina during 1948 was, according to RALPH VERNON LONG, former Communist Party leader in Durham, North Carolina, during 1946 to 1949, an organization dominated and controlled from its inception by members of the Communist Party.

On January 11, 1954, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, reported that NAT BOND, who was known to this informant as a leader of the Communist Party in Durham, North Carolina, indicated he had been in touch with subject.

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BOND indicated that BLACKWELL had returned to Winston Salem from Washington, D. C.; that he was a law student who was not permitted to take the North Carolina Bar and that he was anxious to form some sort of study group in the Winston Salem Teachers College. BOND also indicated that this study group would be a Marxist study group to be formed for the purpose of studying Marxism and to also promulgate the efforts of the Communist Party through the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

On March 12, 1954, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that on March 11, BOND indicated that BLACKWELL had been to see him during the weekend of February 26, and that BLACKWELL was definitely interested in the formation of a Marxist study group and that BOND planned to talk with him again.

On April 23, 1954, informant reported that on April 15, BOND stated that he had seen BLACKWELL in Winston Salem and that BLACKWELL was having a printing press shipped to him from Washington, D. C. and as soon as he got it set up, he could put out any type of paper or booklet BOND desired. BOND indicated that BLACKWELL was anxious to become a member of the new Communist Party unit which BOND was attempting to formulate, location unknown, but believed by informant to be in the vicinity of Durham, North Carolina.

On May 17, 1954, informant reported that BOND indicated on May 10, that BLACKWELL was going to instruct him, BOND, in the operation of the printing press.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been denied permission to take the North Carolina Bar examination on basis of the fact that he had withheld information and that inquiries had determined he was fined \$30.00 in April 1953 in Municipal Court, Washington, D. C., for getting another person to take his driver's license examination for him.

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T-1: NAFFIE TALBOT Clerk, IS #1, Greensboro, N.C.	9-23-54	9-23-54	SA G. BARGAN FRIERSON orally	100-6347-50
T-2: [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	1-10-54	1-11-54	SA RUFUS H. POWELL, written	[REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
	3-11-54	3-12-54	SA RUFUS H. POWELL written	
	4-15-54	4-23-54	SA RUFUS H. POWELL written	
	5-10-54	5-17-54	SA RUFUS H. POWELL written	
T-3: ED CANTON, Secretary, N. C. Bar Association, Raleigh, N.C.	Admission to N. C. Bar	7-21-54	SA JAMES T. MAGNER orally	100-6347-54

REFERENCE

FD 126 from Charlotte to the Bureau, dated 12-20-54.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON FIELD**

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/3/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/10-14, 16; 10/22, 24; 11/13, 14, 16, 19-21, 23, 26, 27/51	REPORT MADE BY FREDERICK H. FREUND, JR. PHF:HT
TITLE RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL, wa.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject residing 2300 First Street, N.W.; attending Howard University Law School. Information set forth concerning subject's affiliation and association with Labor Youth League, National Lawyers Guild, American Peace Crusade, Progressive Party, Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of D.C. Anti-Discrimination Laws, Martinsville Seven Memorial Committee, Washington Council for Negro Rights, Howard University Student Committee to Save WILLIE MCGEE, Conference Against Jim Crow and Discrimination in the Nation's Capital, Stockholm Peace Petition. Descriptions of organizations set forth. EDGAR LEON BLACKWELL, brother, described as member Labor Youth League, North Carolina. RUBY LYNETTE BLACKWELL, sister, friendly with Communist Party members, member Labor Youth League, North Carolina, active in Progressive Party, N.C. Records HCUA contain no further pertinent information. Washington area informants T-5, T-11, T-19, T-16 advised subject unknown to them. No record of subject FBI Identification Division. Records T-20 contain no further pertinent information. Credit and criminal negative.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

RESIDENCE

T-1, of known reliability, advised on November 21, 1951, that the subject is presently residing at 2300 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

EMPLOYMENT

The records of the Registrar's Office, Howard University, Washington, D.C., reviewed by SA ROBERT W. FEUER reflected that the subject is registered and attending the Law School at that University for the fall session of 1951.

These records contain information to the effect that the subject was recommended to the Law School by HERBERT PARKS of Alexander and Parks, attorneys-at-law, at Greensboro, North Carolina, and also Dr. A. K. NYABONGO of A. and T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina. Dr. NYABONGO stated concerning the subject, "When we started the NAACP on the A. and T. campus, he was one of its first members. He has been instrumental in organizing the International Relations Club in this college and is one of its best-informed members. He has been connected with major political organizations in and around Greensboro and North Carolina at large." Dr. NYABONGO also stated he and the subject worked together in many political activities.

AFFILIATION WITH LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE

The organization Labor Youth League has been declared within the purview of Executive Order 9835 by the Attorney General.

Charlotte T-2, of known reliability, advised in June of 1951 that the subject at one time was a member of the Labor Youth League in North Carolina.

AFFILIATION WITH NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, in its report dated March 29, 1944.

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T-3, of known reliability, advised on June 15, 1951, that a meeting of the Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the D.C. Anti-Discrimination Laws was held on that date. During the meeting the members of the National Lawyers Guild who were present were asked to stand for recognition. Among those standing was RANDOLPH BLACKWELL.

T-4, of known reliability, advised in December 1949 that the following person was carried as an active member of the National Lawyers Guild:

BLACKWELL, RANDOLPH
1116 Columbia Road
Washington, D.C.

This individual was carried as a second year student, member National Lawyers Guild, Howard Chapter.

ASSOCIATION WITH AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE

The American Peace Crusade was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in its statement issued on the March of Treason February 19, 1951, and House report #378 on the Communist "peace" offensive, April 25, 1951. The citation is as follows:

Cited as an organization which "the Communists established" as "a new instrument for the 'peace' offensive in the United States" and which was heralded by the Daily Worker "with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with the Communist objectives."

Charlotte T-2 advised March 23, 1951, that the subject was present at a Washington Peace Conference of the American Peace Crusade held in Washington, D.C., March 15, 1951. BLACKWELL was described by the informant as a student at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

ASSOCIATION AND AFFILIATION WITH PROGRESSIVE PARTY

T-5, of known reliability, has described the Progressive Party, Washington, D.C., as being dominated and controlled by the Communist Party, Washington, D.C. T-5 recently informed that the Communist Party members in Washington, D.C., have been instructed to observe the guidance

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and policies of the local Progressive Party. Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD has stated that the Progressive Party, Washington, D.C., was controlled by the Communist Party and also has identified the majority of the most recently elected officers of the local Progressive Party as being members of the D.C. Communist Party.

Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD, of known reliability, is an admitted former Communist Party member in Washington, D.C., who was active in the Communist Party from 1943 to 1949. During this time she held varying positions including Membership Secretary and Treasurer of the Communist Party, District of Columbia.

Charlotte T-6, of known reliability, who is familiar with Communist Parties in North Carolina, advised on December 7, 1948, that a large number of leaders in the Progressive Party of North Carolina were known to informant to be Communists and that the Communist Party, North Carolina, was seeking to dominate the Progressive Party in North Carolina.

T-7, of known reliability, advised on August 17, 1951, that on the same date the Progressive Party, Washington, D.C., was in contact with the subject. The purpose of this contact was unknown to the informant.

Charlotte T-8, of unknown reliability, advised in a signed statement which is maintained by the Charlotte Office the following:

"During the year of 1948 RANDOLPH BLACKWELL became interested in the Progressive Party and ran for the office of State Representative on Progressive Party ticket."

Charlotte T-20, of unknown reliability, who has been acquainted with the subject's sister RUBY during her lifetime advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was very active in the Progressive Party movement on the campus of A. and T. College and later ran on the Progressive Party ticket for a local office in Greensboro, North Carolina. The informant advised that during the time the Progressive Party was most active in Greensboro, the informant was invited to attend a social gathering under the auspices of the Progressive Party which was held at the BLACKWELL residence.

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T-9, of known reliability, advised on October 27, 1950, that the informant attended on the same date an announced recital by CLARA RICHARDSON held in the auditorium, Lincoln Congregational Temple, 11th and R Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. This recital was sponsored by the Negro Vote Committee, Progressive Party, Washington, D.C. RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was included on the list of patrons of this organization.

ASSOCIATION WITH THE COORDINATING
COMMITTEE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF D.C.
ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

T-10, of known reliability, was advised by ROBERT SMITH, Negro Picket Line Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the D.C. Anti-Discrimination Laws, that as of September 1, 1951, ANNIE STEIN was Secretary of this organization.

T-10 was also advised on September 1, 1951, by ROBERT SMITH that DAVID REIN was one of the attorneys representing the Committee.

T-11, of known reliability, advised on February 11, 1948, that ANNIE STEIN was a Communist Party member in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

T-12, of known reliability, advised September 1950 and February 1951 that ANNIE STEIN was in contact with the subject.

T-13, of known reliability, advised on June 26, 1951, that DAVID REIN was a member of the Communist Party as of 1945.

T-9 advised on October 27, 1950, that at the above mentioned recital by CLARA RICHARDSON held on that date that a yellow throw-away was given out. On this throw-away was the statement, "For further information and more pledge cards write the Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the D.C. Anti-Discrimination Laws, Chairman, Restaurant Survey Chairman, RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, 2300 First Street, N.W."

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T-10 advised on September 1, 1951, that on the same date RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was seen marching in a picket line in front of the Hecht Company sponsored by the Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the D.C. Anti-Discrimination Laws.

T-10 also stated that on October 20, 1951, RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was again observed participating in a picket line sponsored by the above mentioned organization in front of the Hecht Company department store. T-3 advised on June 15, 1951, that the subject attended a "We Won't Wait Mass Meeting" held on that date at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R Street, N.W., sponsored by the Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the Anti-Discrimination Laws.

MARTINSVILLE SEVEN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE,
WASHINGTON COUNCIL FOR NEGRO RIGHTS, AND
HOWARD UNIVERSITY STUDENT COMMITTEE TO
SAVE WILLIE MCGEE

T-14, of known reliability, stated that the Committee to Save the Martinsville Seven was later known as the Martinsville Seven Memorial Committee which had as its main objective "to save WILLIE MCGEE." T-14 stated that this organization is now known as the Washington Council for Negro Rights. The informant stated that GLORIA JOHNSON HOLLIS was Chairman of the Committee to Save the Martinsville Seven and successor organizations. All three organizations were dominated by LAREINE WOOD and GLORIA HOLLIS. LAREINE WOOD was Treasurer of the Committee to Save the Martinsville Seven and the Martinsville Seven Memorial Committee. Both LAREINE and GLORIA established policies and forms of actions for the above organizations.

GLORIA HOLLIS was known by the informant to be in direct contact with AUBREY GROSSMAN, National Civil Rights Congress officer, and to have utilized literature furnished by the Civil Rights Congress. Both LAREINE WOOD and GLORIA HOLLIS are known to the informant to be Communist Party members.

The Civil Rights Congress was declared by the Attorney General to be under the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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WILLIE McGEE was a negro on trial for rape in Mississippi beginning in 1946 and whose defense was handled through various appeals and re-trials by the Civil Rights Congress up until his conviction and subsequent execution in May of 1951.

Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD, previously identified, advised on December 2, 1948, that GLORIA JOHNSON HOLLIS was a registered member of the Youth Club of the Communist Party, D.C., for that year. Mrs. MARKWARD advised on February 10, 1947, that GLORIA HOLLIS made application for membership in the Communist Party.

T-14 advised on May 1, 1951, that a WILLIE McGEE Rally was held April 29, 1951, in the Salem Baptist Church, 9th and N Streets, N.W. The informant stated that GLORIA JOHNSON HOLLIS was Chairman and one of the speakers at the rally was AUBREY GROSSMAN. Among the members of the audience were the following persons:

LAREINE WOOD
ROY WOOD
CLARENCE (CASEY) GUREWITZ
RANDOLPH BLACKWELL
CHARLES PAYNE
GERTRUDE EVANS

The following named persons have been identified as members of the Communist Party, D.C., by Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD:

ROY WOOD
LAREINE WOOD
CLARENCE (CASEY) GUREWITZ
GERTRUDE EVANS

T-14 advised on May 10, 1951, that on May 4, 1951, a group called on the District Commissioner F. JOSEPH DONOHUE at his office in the District Building, Washington, D.C., on the behalf of WILLIE McGEE. Among this group was RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, GERTRUDE EVANS, DAVID REIN, and JOHN RUDDER.

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T-14 informed on June 19, 1951, that a lawn party was held June 15, 1951, at 1006 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. At this party GLORIA HOLLIS, Chairman, announced that the Martinsville Seven Memorial Committee would from then on be officially known as the Washington Council for Negro Rights. Among those present at this lawn party were RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, ROY WOOD, and LAREINE WOOD.

T-14 advised that in the informant's opinion CHARLES PAYNE and GLORIA HOLLIS appeared to be guiding the so-called Howard University Student Committee to Save WILLIE MCGEE. CHARLES PAYNE has been on the Howard University campus several times in connection with the demonstrations concerning WILLIE MCGEE. According to the informant PAYNE lingers near the campus during the demonstration to observe "student reaction." According to the informant PAYNE has never been observed participating in the campus demonstrations. Informant advised that JOHN RUDDER has discussed the activities of the Student Committee in the apartment of GLORIA JOHNSON HOLLIS. The informant stated that AUBREY GROSSMAN displayed extreme interest in the Student Committee to Save WILLIE MCGEE. Both RUDDER and PAYNE were overheard by the informant talking about the Student Committee to ROY WOOD during a party which took place at GLORIA JOHNSON HOLLIS' apartment in April 1951.

T-14 informed that JOHN RUDDER, Howard University law student, organized the Student Committee to Save WILLIE MCGEE on the campus of Howard University. The first meeting to organize this committee was called by JOHN RUDDER April 14, 1951, and was held in the student rooming house located at 2300 First Street, N.W. The informant stated that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL was among those present at this meeting. T-14 advised on April 19, 1951, that a meeting was held April 17, 1951, for those students interested in the WILLIE MCGEE case. At this meeting JOHN RUDDER was unanimously accepted as President of the Committee and RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended.

T-14 informed on April 24, 1951, that a meeting of the Student Committee to Save WILLIE MCGEE was held April 21 at 2300 First Street, N.W. The Chairman of this Committee was JOHN RUDDER and among those present was CHARLES PAYNE and RANDOLPH BLACKWELL.

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Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD advised in 1950 that CHARLES PAYNE was a member of the Communist Party as of 1949. Mrs. MARKWARD stated that PAYNE was dangerous to the United States in her opinion.

T-5 advised in June 1951 that JOHN RUDDER was active in organizing a National Youth League in Washington, D.C.

T-22, of known reliability, asserted in January 1951 that JOHN RUDDER was Treasurer of the Student Division, National Lawyers Guild.

T-14 advised in the summer of 1951 that RUDDER was active in the affairs of the Martinsville Seven Memorial Committee.

T-15, of known reliability, advised in April 1951 that JOHN RUDDER had stated that he knew RANDOLPH BLACKWELL "well."

CONFERENCE AGAINST JIM CROW AND
DISCRIMINATION IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

T-16, of known reliability, informed on December 12, 1950, that a conference against Jim Crow and discrimination in the Nation's Capital was held December 10, 1950. The informant stated that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL lead the Civil Rights panel. Also working on this panel were GERTRUDE HURNEY, CHARLES GIFT, and CLARA RICHARDSON. The informant stated that THOMAS RICHARDSON welcomed the delegates to this conference.

T-16 informed in 1946 that THOMAS RICHARDSON had told the informant that he (RICHARDSON) had been dropped from membership in the open Communist Party so that he could do special work for the Communist Party underground.

Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD in February 1947 described CHARLES T. GIFT as a Communist Party member.

In the hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 82nd Congress, held June 11, 1950, Mrs. MARKWARD described GERTRUDE HURNEY as a member of the Communist Political Association, D.C. Board June 1944 and October 1945.

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T-5 in June 1948 described CLARA RICHARDSON as a member of the Communist Party. T-17, of known reliability, advised that a conference against Jim Crow and discrimination in the Nation's Capital was held at the United Cafeteria and Restaurant Workers Union Hall December 10, 1950. At this conference the Civil Rights panel was chaired by RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, Howard University law student and one of the leaders in the anti-Jim Crow restaurant survey. THOMAS RICHARDSON was Chairman at this conference.

STOCKHOLM PEACE PETITION

The Stockholm Peace Petition was cited as Communist by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, in an interim statement issued on the Communist "peace petition" campaign July 13, 1950.

T-5 advised that the informant had been given certain Stockholm Petitions in blank to be delivered to certain individuals among whom was RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, 2300 First Street, N.W.

INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S
BROTHER AND SISTER

Charlotte T-2 advised that EDGAR LEON BLACKWELL, brother of RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL was one of the original members of the Marxist-Leninist study group which met regularly in Greensboro, North Carolina, during the winter of 1950 and was subsequently chartered as the Moranda Smith Chapter of the Labor Youth League.

T-18, of unknown reliability, advised on June 7, 1951, that RUBY LYNETTE BLACKWELL was very friendly with the COFFEE twins, MARY and MARTHA, and also knew JOHN RUDDER well.

T-5 advised that the COFFEE twins, MARY and MARTHA were known to the informant as Communist Party members in Baltimore, Maryland.

Charlotte T-2 advised that RUBY LYNETTE BLACKWELL was a member of the Moranda Smith Chapter, Labor Youth League.

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Charlotte T-6, of known reliability, advised that RUBY LYNETTE BLACKWELL as of December 7, 1948, was considered a "key person" in the Progressive Party, North Carolina, by its leaders. According to the informant, a "key person" is someone who could supply special services such as raising funds or actively campaigning for the Party.

MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reviewed by SE XAVIER F. CLARK contain no additional pertinent information.

T-5, T-11, T-19, T-16, all of known reliability who are acquainted with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the District of Columbia, advised that the subject was unknown to them.

The records of the FBI Identification Division were negative concerning the subject.

The records of T-20, another government agency which conducts security type investigations, contain no further pertinent information concerning the subject.

The records of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D.C., reviewed by SE WALTER J. TOLSON, were negative concerning the subject.

The files of the Washington Police Department, reviewed by SE WAYNE S. CURTIS, contain no criminal record for the subject.

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A copy of this report is being designated for the Charlotte Office inasmuch as the subject previously resided in that office's territory, and for that office's general information.

INFORMANTS:

- T-1 - Pretext call made by the writer to the residence of the subject November 21, 1951.
- T-2 - Charlotte [] as set forth in Charlotte letter dated June 4, 1951. Information was obtained March 23, 1951, by SA FRANK L. FAIRCHILD, Charlotte Office. Information re EDGAR LEON BLACKWELL obtained from the report of SA MELVIN McRAE JETT dated March 22, 1951, Charlotte, North Carolina. Information re RUBY LYNETTE BLACKWELL obtained from report of SA MELVIN McRAE JETT dated June 6, 1951, at Charlotte entitled "RUBY LYNETTE BLACKWELL, LGE."
- T-3 - SA EDWARD P. BROWN and SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN, JR. as set forth in SA BROWN's memorandum to SAC dated July 10, 1951.
- T-4 - Confidential informant T-2 as set forth in the report of SA JOHN J. WALSH dated July 19, 1950, Washington, D.C., entitled "National Lawyers Guild, Internal Security - C."
- T-5 - [] information re subject obtained July 4, 1951, by SA THOMAS C. RIES.
- T-6 - Charlotte informant [] information obtained by SA J. MYERS COLE.
- T-7 - Mail cover maintained on residence of JOHN RUDDER, 2300 First Street, N.W. Information obtained August 17, 1951, by SA TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR.
- T-8 - HAROLD LORENZO POOLE, 1107 South Ashe Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, as set forth in the report of SA MELVIN McRAE JETT, dated June 6, 1951, Charlotte, entitled "RUBY LYNETTE BLACKWELL, aka, LGE."
- T-9 - SA HERBERT S. HAWKINS, SA JOHN B. VAN ETTEN, and SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN who attended the announced recital by CLARA RICHARDSON October 27, 1950.

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INFORMANTS (cont'd):

- T-10 - SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN, JR. Information set forth in his memorandum to the SAC dated September 7, 1951, entitled "The Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the D.C. Anti-Discrimination Laws, Internal Security - C." Information received October 20, 1951, as set forth in report of SA EDWARD P. BROWN, November 2, 1951, Washington, D.C., entitled "Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of D.C. Anti-Discrimination Laws, aka, Internal Security - C."
- T-11 - [] information re subject obtained by SA THOMAS C. RIES.
- T-12 - []
- T-13 - LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of Daily Worker.
- T-14 - []
- T-16 - [] information re subject obtained by SA JOHN J. WALSH, July 11, 1951.
- T-17 - Trash cover on residence T. A. WILLISTON, 1204 Q Street, N.W., obtained by SA HERBERT S. HAWKINS.
- T-18 - [] 1867 Kalorama Road, obtained by SA SEYMOR F. PHILLIPS, June 7, 1951.
- T-19 - [] obtained by SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN, JR., July 13, 1951.
- T-20 - Subversive files, Washington, D.C. Police Department.
- T-21 - Corporal RALPH BERNARD GALLOWAY, Marine serial number 921568, Supply Company, Second Service Battalion, Second Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, as set forth in report of SA MELVIN McRAE JETT dated June 6, 1951, entitled "RUBY LYNETTE BLACKWELL, aka, LGB."
- T-22 - []

REFERENCE: Report of SA OWEN B. CHANEY dated April 19, 1951, at Washington, D.C.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject identified by Confidential Informant T-1 as member of Moranda Smith Chapter LYL and listed as sponsor of Call to National Foundation Convention of Young Progressives of America held at Philadelphia July 1948. Subject also listed as participant in Young Tar Heel Rally sponsored by Young Progressives of America in Durham, N. C., on 4-10-49. Subject subscribed to the "Daily Worker" five months ending 11-3-49. Background information set forth. Subject believed to be in Washington, D. C., at present time.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

AT GREENSBORO, N. C.

Dr. C. R. A. CUNNINGHAM, Registrar A & T College, made available subject's college record which reflected subject's address

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as 1210 Gray Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. Subject's parents were listed as JOSEPH BLACKWELL, occupation railroad fireman, and BLANCHE BLACKWELL, housekeeper. Subject's place of birth was listed at Greensboro, North Carolina, and his date of birth was reflected as March 10, 1927. This record also revealed that subject attended Dudley High School, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Subject registered A & T College on September 18, 1944, and a BS degree, major in social science and minor in history, was conferred on May 30, 1949. His grades were considered below average during his enrollment at A & T College. This record also reflected that subject served in World War II, Company B, 10th Brigade of the BTS and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. His Army Serial Number was listed as 44160264. Subject's religious preference was listed as Baptist. His vocational interest was listed as photography. This record also revealed that subject has three sisters and five brothers and that his parents own their home located at 1210 Gray Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. There was a notation in this file that subject's transcript was forwarded to Howard University Law School, Washington, D. C., on June 3, 1949.

ACTIVITIES INDICATING COMMUNIST PARTY TENDENCIES

Labor Youth League

Confidential Informant T-1 of known reliability, advised that subject attended a meeting of the Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, and Thomasville Club of the Labor Youth League which is also known as the Moranda Smith Chapter of the Labor Youth League which was held at the home of LYNETTE BLACKWELL, 1210 Gray Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, on August 10, 1950.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that this meeting was divided into three parts--minutes of the last meeting, educational program, and the election of delegates to the National Convention. The educational program discussion was led by HARVEY COX, described by T-2 of known reliability as a member of the Communist Party, and MARGARET MILLER, who according to informant is active in the Labor Youth League, centering around White Chauvinism. Delegates elected to the National Convention were as follows:

JERRY PEARSON
A. C. HOLDMAN

Confidential Informant T-1 also advised that subject attended the Labor Youth League State Convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina. On the program at

this meeting was JUNIUS SCALES, publicly confessed member of the Communist Party who is presently Chairman, Communist Party, District 29, who stated that he came as an invited guest and Chairman of the North Carolina Communist Party. SCALES stated that the Communist Party and the Labor Youth League were brothers as they had the same goal--socialism. SCALES' talk at this convention concerned mainly the peace forces, the millions of allies "we" have in other countries, the suppression of free speech between capitalist ruling class, and the trial of EUGENE DENNIS and the Korean War.

The third speaker on the program was NAT BOND, who has been identified by Confidential Informant T-1 as a member of the Labor Youth League. BOND gave a report concerning the negro liberation movement in the United States stating that the negro people constituted a nation within a nation and is being suppressed in the "Black Belt". He stated that the Korean War was a method used by the capitalists to suppress the negro people.

GLADYS SCALES, wife of JUNIUS SCALES, previously identified, was the fourth speaker on the program reporting on the political action and the building of the Labor Youth League. She stated that the Labor Youth League must continue to have discussions in the ranks but that "we must talk with people everywhere for the rights of the negro people. It does not make any difference if it is in another organization, in a store, a neighbor, or on the street corner. We must and cannot be sectarian about the peace movement and the negro rights. We must pay particular attention but not exclusive attention to the youth and try to explain to them the reasons and sources of the war and unemployment. Show them that they have only a future of destruction, if the draft is not repealed. Repeal the draft and no H bomb must be our slogan." She stated that the Labor Youth League must build itself and the only way it could do so was by fighting for negro rights and showing youth the way to peace. A resolution was passed by the state convention to send a telegram to EUGENE DENNIS on his forty-eighth birthday to show him that while he is on the inside others were carrying on.

JUNIUS SCALES collected the money for this telegram.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, verified subject's presence at the Labor Youth League on August 13, 1950.

The Labor Youth League has been cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General, coming within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

Progressive Party

Confidential Informant T-3 of known reliability, advised that subject was listed as one of the key people in the Progressive Party of North Carolina, and that key people of the Progressive Party of North Carolina were dominated by Communist Party members. Informant also reported that the policies of the Progressive Party in North Carolina were directed by members of the Communist Party.

Young Progressives of America

Confidential Informant T-3 has advised that the Young Progressives of America is a Communist dominated and controlled organization.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that subject's name appeared on the list of sponsors of the national convention of the Young Progressives of America held in Philadelphia in July of 1948.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, supplied the Charlotte Office with a mimeographed pamphlet entitled "Young Tarheel Rally in Durham, Sunday, April 10, (1949) from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. To Be Held at the W. D. Hill Recreation Center, Sponsored by the Young Progressives of America". This pamphlet stressed the slogans "No War", "No Depression", "No Jim Crow", and points out that 250,000 people lost their jobs during that month. The program outlined on this pamphlet revealed that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL from A & T College would speak on college organization.

PUBLICATIONS

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that subject subscribed to the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist publication, for a period of five months ending November 3, 1949. Subject's address was listed as 1210 Gray Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, according to informant.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

Miss PEGGY WEBB, Clerk, Credit Bureau, Greater Greensboro, North Carolina, advised that the files in her office failed to reveal a credit rating for subject.

Mrs. FRANCES SYKES, Clerk, Records Division, Greensboro, North Carolina, Police Department, advised that she was unable to find a record among the files in her office which could be identified as that of the subject.

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Confidential Informant T-6 of known reliability advised that Mr. JOSEPH BLACKWELL of 1210 Gray Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, was in contact with a party named BLACKWELL, residing at 2300 First Street Northwest, Washington, D. C., as late as December 22, 1950.

Dr. C. R. A. CUNNINGHAM, Registrar of A & T College, Greensboro, North Carolina, made available to reporting agent a thesis prepared by subject entitled "Documentative Exploration of the Theory and Practice of Communism and Democracy to Discover the Basic Problems Dividing Russia and the United States". A review of this thesis dated February 24, 1948, reflects that it is based on the following authorities:

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The foreward of this thesis carries a dedication as follows:

"To My posterity who I hope will be militant defenders of tolerance in the, 'New South A-Coming'."

The following is a summary of the thesis:

"The changes within human society within the past fifty years have made possible the development of two great nations, Russia and the United States. Two nations that over threw monarchies that they might grow and become dynamic and progressive leaders of the world. The foregoing study has been a documentative exploration of the two countries to discover the basic problems dividing them. There are such matters as Trieste, the Dardenellers, Spain and Iran, all of which might be cited as reasons for conflict, but conditions surrounding these problems if the more fundamental problems were solved.

"This study points to the difference in the economic institutions as problem number one. Russia is a socialistic society in which free enterprise is greatly limited. This is the very reverse of American traditions. Documented sources imply that selfish business men of America have in many cases waged an all out fight against Russian socialism in order to assure themselves of a world of free enterprise. As a result of this campaign free flow of authentic information has not been wholly accessible. While at the same time acceptance of American ideas by Russia has been welcomed for many reasons, one being that Western Democracies supported the Czar in the Revolution of 1917. This is accepted as basic problem number two.

"Problem number three is now growing out of Russian's stand on religion. This is true primarily because authentic information was not available when the formation of opinions were made. It is true that the present government of Russia held the Church in public ridicule at one time but those religious leaders who have made an intensive study of the matter have learned for themselves that the Church was conducting an underground program in the defense of the czarist regime.

"The Marshal Plan, is indeed the crowning episode of this study. It is an effort on the part of the State Department of the United States to check the spread of communism in Europe, in the interest of free elections. While this paper makes no attempt to answer such questions as "why does the State Department support the reactionary governments of China and Greece?" it does regard the Marshal Plan as basic problem number four."

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C., will contact registrar of Howard University for additional background information concerning subject who is believed to have been attending or may presently be attending Howard University Law School.

Will determine if the subject is presently residing at 2300 First Street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

CHARLOTTE

At Winston-Salem, N. C., will check the records of the Veterans Administration to determine full background information concerning subject whose army serial number is listed as 44160364.

At Greensboro, N. C., will obtain a physical description of the subject.

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New York Confidential Informant [redacted]

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9/21/64

SA ALDEN F. MILLER

**SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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On 9/8/64 Dr. GERALD REED, Dentist, Atlanta, Ga., forwarded the July-August, 1964 News Letter published by the SCLC, an organization with which he is affiliated.

It is noted one of the main articles in this issue relates to one RANDOLPH BLACKWELL and sets forth his background data, a recent addition to the staff of SCLC.

Another article in this publication relates to a proposed concert tour by Mrs. CORETTA KING during the fall of 1964.

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(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-260) *RUC*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
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DATE: 9/15/64

ReBulet to Charlotte dated 8/10/64

On 9/11/64, [REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
New Bern, N. C., confidential source - racial (integration),
advised that the following persons are the officers of the
recently formed affiliate of the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference at New Bern, N. C.:

LEON CLYDE NIXON, Chairman, New Bern, N. C.

Mrs. MARJORIE WILLIAMS, Co-chairman, New Bern, N. C.

Father THOMAS B. HALBDEN, Secretary, Catholic Priest
New Bern, N. C.

Mrs. LILLIAN WILLIAMS, Chairman of the Education
Committee, New Bern, N. C.

DAVID WRIGHT, Chairman of the Registration and Voting
Committee, New Bern, N. C.

WILLIE VAILS, Press and Publicity Chairman, New Bern,
N. C.

4 - Bureau (RM)
(3 - 100-438794)
(1 - 100-3-116) *6670*
4 - Atlanta (1 - 100-~~6520~~ (RM)
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-6563) (C. T. VIVIAN)
(1 - 157-698) (RANDOLPH BLACKWELL)
2 - New York (1 - 100-151548) (1 - 100-149194)
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[] advised that to his knowledge there is no recorded membership of this organization in New Bern, N. C. He said that these individuals are working with members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which is inactive at New Bern, N. C., at the present time. He stated that the above listed individuals are supervised by GOLDEN FRINKS, Edenton, N. C.

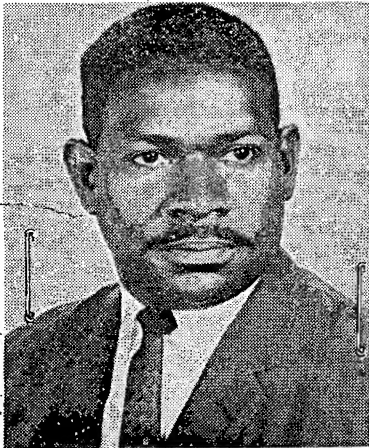
[] advised that CORDY T. VIVIAN was scheduled to appear in New Bern, N. C., on 7/24/64, but for reasons not known, did not.

The Charlotte indices reflect that LEON CLYDE NIXON, Mrs. LILLIAN WILLIAMS and GOLDEN FRINKS have been involved in numerous civil rights cases in the Charlotte Division. The Charlotte indices reflect no information concerning WILLIE VAILS, DAVID WRIGHT, Mrs. MARJORIE WILLIAMS or Father THOMAS B. HALBDEN.

Inasmuch as there is no known Communist infiltration, domination or control of this group at New Bern, N. C., it is recommended that no active investigation be initiated.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Joins King's SCLC Staff



BLACKWELL

Randolph T. Blackwell, a civil rights worker for the past 13 years, has joined the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta and will serve as Program Coordinator for the organization. He formerly was associated with the Voter Education Project in Atlanta before becoming a full time staff member of SCLC.

Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, Mr. Blackwell brings to SCLC a rich and varied background in the social sciences, law and business and economics. He received a B.S. degree in Sociology from North Carolina A&T College in 1949, and was graduated from Howard University School of Law in 1953. Additionally he has studied at Syracuse and American Universities.

The 27-year-old executive formerly taught at Winston-Salem Teacher's College and at Alabama A&M College. He is credited with being author and co-author of four books. They are: Leadership Training Handbook, 1955, A&M College; Public School Law -- Alabama Cases and Materials, 1956, A&M College, Normal, Alabama; Principles of Economics, 1958, Pitman Publishing Co., New York, N.Y.; and College Business Law, 1960, Pitman Publishing Co., New York, N.Y.

Besides these, he has also written and had published several articles in the related fields of his formal training.

Mr. Blackwell is married to the former Elizabeth Knox of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and they are the parents of one child, a daughter, Blanche, age six.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 1,
The Atlanta Inquirer
Atlanta, Georgia

Date: 9/6/64

Edition: Weekly

Author:

Editor: CARL HOLMAN

Title: RANDOLPH TALMADGE
BLACKWELL

Character: SM-C

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Classification:

Submitting Office: Atlanta

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9-45AM CST URGENT 9-4-64 WHC

TO: ATLANTA (100-6520) ⁶⁶⁷⁰

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (100-4532) (RUC)

RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL. SECURITY MATTER - C.

REURTEL, SEPT. THREE, LAST, ENTITLED CIRM.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] ADVISED SUBJECT ATTENDED LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE CONVENTION ON AUG. THIRTEEN, FIFTY, AT ALGONQUIN CLUB, FOURTEEN HUNDRED FAYETTEVILLE ST., DURHAM, N.C.

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE HAS BEEN CITED AS COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL. CE FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH SIX THREE FOUR SEVEN.

ON FEB. TWENTYSIX, FIFTYTHREE, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] ADVISED SUBJECT HAD BEEN MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

ABOVE INFORMANTS HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (157-698)

DATE: 2-24-64

FROM : A. JANE BRYSON

SUBJECT: RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL,
Randolph T. Blackwell
Randolph Blackwell
Correlation Summary

The following is a summary of the pertinent details found in the Atlanta Office files under the names and akas listed. All references listed under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subjeer have been included.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name	RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL Randolph T. Blackwell Randolph Blackwell
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Date of Birth	3-10-27
Place of Birth	Greensboro, North Carolina
Height	6 ft 2 inches
Weight	205 Pounds
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Scars and Marks	None
Education	North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N. C. A. B. Degree Harvard University -- LLB Graduate of Syracuse and American College (44-1403-4, P. 5)
Residences	1275 Capitol Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga. (March 1963) 705 Harlam Road S. W., Atlanta, Ga. (8-23-63) Per. Res. P. O. Box 331, Normal, Ala.
Employment	Field Director, Voter Education Project Southern Regional Council, Room 206 5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga.
Marital Status	Married Elizabeth Knox Blackwell, A&M College Normal, Alabama
Brothers:	Joseph Blackwell, New York City Rufus Blackwell, Albany, New York

Brothers
Continued

Edgar Blackwell, New York City
Frederick Blackwell, West Haven
Connecticut

Sisters

Ruby Parks, Greensboro, N. C.
Mildred Evans, Greensbor, N. C.
Juanita Kiser, Greesboro, N. C.

Memphis teletype to Atlanta 3/1/63 in regard to
JAMES TRAVIS, ROBERT PARRIS MOSES and RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL
Victims in a Civil Rights case at Greenwood, Mississippi.
Memphis 00.

JAMES TRAVIS, injured in left shoulder by shot from
an unidentified 1963 Buick car on 2/28/63 at 10:30 PM.
Memphis requested the Atlanta Office to contact
ROBERT TALMADGE BLACKWELL, at Southern Regional Council
Office, 5 Forsythe Street or care of C. L. DENNARD, Atlanta,
Georgia and that BLACKWELL be interviewed re above incident.
SAS CHARLES T. HAYNES and DANIEL D. DOYLE interviewed
RANDOLPH TALMADGE BLACKWELL on 3/2/63 and he gave a detailed
description of the incident. BLACKWELL was again interviewed
on 8/23/63 by SAS HENRY G. ROWSE, and ALDEN F. MILLER and he
stated he could not positively identify photos of individuals
displayed to him as being the occupants of that vehicle
from which a gun was fired and which wounded JAMES TRAVIS.,
although these persons appeared to be approximately the
same age group.

Re: Unsubjects (3)
James Travis,
Robert Parris Moses
Randolph Talmadge Blackwell-
Victims
Atlanta File 44-1403-,1,3,9

In New York letter to Director on 10/29/63, on page 2
of this letter EDWINA SMITH, SCLC, Atlanta in conversation
with JACK O'DELL she stated she wanted him (O'DELL) to
write to RANDOLPH BLACKWELL and ask him to do an article
for him. She said BLACKWELL was at the SOUTHERN REGIONAL
CONFERENCE. Jack said he "would do this".

Re: CP USA
Negro Question
Communist Influence in
Racial Matters

Hunter Pitts O'Dell
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C in SCLC 100-5718-272

On November 20, 1963, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was contacted in New York by his girl friend EDWINA SMITH who works at the SCLC in Atlanta, Georgia, during the course of conversation she advised O'DELL to contact one RANDOLPH BLACKWELL and ask him to submit an article for the magazine. She described BLACKWELL as a very militant man.

Informant is [REDACTED] If this information furnished outside of the Bureau it should be paraphrased to protect this source.

New York to Atlanta

12/4/63

Re: HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

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At- 100-6075-125

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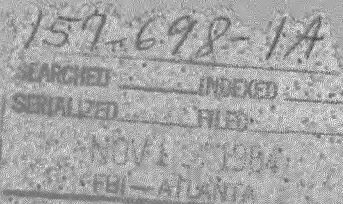
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(Title) RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

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1- Photo of Randolph Blackwell, (ent. 11/12/64 by gb)

Disposition:



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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By SA Robert R. Nichols
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned

Yes ☐No ☒

Description:

Photo of Randolph
BlackwellI sent NY 11-12-64

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BLACKWELL

Randolph T. Blackwell, a civil rights worker for the past 13 years, has joined the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta and will

Randolph Blackwell

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